



Filing for VA Benefits

Montgomery County is certified by the Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (PADMVA) to file and represent claims for VA benefits to the Federal Department of Veterans Affairs.

Veterans Service Officers (VSO) are trained to prepare claims by the Federal Department of Veterans Affairs. Typically, claims submitted on behalf of a veteran by a VSO process faster and are less likely to be denied due to an administrative error on the applicant's part.

Our Montgomery County VSOs make the process as easy as possible for the veteran. Your VSO will supply you with a checklist of needed supporting documents and complete your VA forms during a face-to-face meeting at the Montgomery County Office of Veterans Affairs.

Like all accredited Veteran Service Organizations, there is *no charge* for these services.

*Our staff of knowledgeable
Veteran Service Officers
can be contacted 610-278-3285.*



Contact Us

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**Agent Orange and Blue
Water Navy Claims**

Background

Agent Orange was a chemical herbicide used to kill foliage in Vietnam and on the Korean de-militarized zone (DMZ) during the 1960s and 1970s. Long after they left Vietnam and Korea, these veterans continue to face health problems due to Agent Orange exposure. If you are a Vietnam or Korean Veteran or the family member of such Veterans, we encourage you to contact the Montgomery County Office of Veterans Affairs with questions about your or your loved one's exposure.

Criteria

Veteran's meeting the following criteria are considered to have been exposed to **Agent Orange** (Health Conditions linked to Agent Orange exposure would therefore be considered **Presumptive**).

- Any veteran who served **within the borders of the Republic of Vietnam** during the Vietnam War.
- Any veteran who served on the **Korean DMZ** between April 1, 1968 and Aug 31, 1971.
- USAF and others serving as flight, medical and ground maintenance crew members on contaminated **Operation Ranch Hand C-123** Aircraft from 1969-1986
- Veterans who can show their duties placed them on or near the perimeters of **Thailand** Military bases as police, security police squadron, dog handlers, or evidence showing daily work duties on/near air base perimeter.
- **Brown Water Navy:** patrol boats operating in rivers, lakes and littoral regions to carry out military ops in South Vietnam.
- **Blue Water Navy:** Within 12 nautical miles off coast of Vietnam (that distance equals 13.81 statute miles)



Some Health Conditions Linked to Agent Orange Exposure

- Al Amyloidosis
- Chronic B-Cell Leukemia
- Chloracne (or similar acne-form diseases)
- Diabetes (type II)
- Hodgkin's Disease
- Ischemic Heart Disease (aka Coronary Artery Disease)
- Multiple Myeloma
- Parkinson's Disease
- Peripheral Neuropathy (early onset)
- Porphyria Cutanea Tarda
- Prostate Cancer
- Respiratory Cancers (lung, larynx, trachea, and bronchus)
- Soft Tissue Sarcomas (other than osteosarcoma, chondrosarcoma, Kaposi's sarcoma, or mesothelioma)

Priority VA Healthcare

Veterans who have not been diagnosed with health conditions linked to Agent Orange exposure are still eligible for healthcare through the Federal Department of Veterans Affairs. These veterans do not need to supply income information for enrollment and can receive copay free screenings for Agent Orange linked health conditions at a VA medical facility.

If you are interested in enrolling in VA Healthcare, the Montgomery County Office of Veterans Affairs can assist you with enrollment and transportation if necessary.